



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

Founded 1914

Our 100th Anniversary Year!

November/December 2014 Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting:

January 9: "Amateur Radio and Scouting", presented by John Deegan, K9XT

Highlights from the November Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President David Spoelstra.

Asked for new hams and there were two: Wayne, ND1SU and Jeff Dunn who will soon be licensed.

AC9FO was given a certificate for becoming a Lifetime member.

Bob Burns, W9BU, spoke about the Hilltop contest. There were 3 classes: Unlimited, Limited, Single-operator.

Unlimited:

- Eagle Hill – Marion County ARC – WA9MC
- Weakley Hill – Hendricks County ARC – N9HC

Single:

- Cyclone Hill - Jeff Hammer N9NIC
- Eagle Creek Tor – Tom O’Nan N9CXI
- Hoosier Hill – James Stohler KC9YTK
- Weedpatch Hill – Ron Cooper WB9DKL

Placement

6TH Place went to Hoosier Hill

5th Place went to Cyclone Hill

4th Place went to Weedpatch Hill

3rd Place went to Eagle Creek Tor

2nd Place went to Eagle Hill

1st Place went to Weakley Hill

Elections are tonight. Dave announced that all of the current officers are willing to run again but would like to hear nominations from the floor. There were none.

Tom, K9XV, made a motion to accept the current slate of officers. Jay, W9TC, seconded. A vote was taken and approved.

John Farmer, N9CQ, announced that the Brownsburg Hamfest will be February 14, 2015.

The evening's program was on Remote Station Operation by Tom Chance, K9XV.

Meeting ended at 8:10pm.

Editor Note: Thanks to Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, for the November meeting notes.

Highlights from the December Dinner Meeting:

The much awaited 100th anniversary celebration and annual Christmas dinner meeting was held at Primo's Banquet Center on December 12. The gathered crowd numbered just under 100. There were several displays around the perimeter of the room exhibiting information related to the history of the Indianapolis Radio Club, and early radio in the area. During dinner, there was a loop of some television news stories highlighting area radio events, such as the W87PAX Pan American Games special event station. After a fine buffet dinner, Tom Chance, K9XV, and club president David Spoelstra, N9KT, started the evening's festivities. Tom thanked Jim Rinehart, K9RU, for designing the QSL card and cover sheet for the 100th anniversary of the club. Next, Tom and Ray Boomhower from the Indiana Historical Society gave a great presentation, with Tom giving the history of radio in general, and in central Indiana, and Ray showing parallels of the general history of central Indiana for the same time periods. Their presentation was very effective at keeping everything in perspective.

Ham Radio News:

INDIANA SECTION ARES NEWS

From Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, ARRL Indiana Section Manager:

Please extend your congratulations and support to Brent Walls, K9CFE as he serves Indiana ARES as our next Section Emergency Coordinator. Brent has served the past two years as Marion County EC and an Official Observer for the past year. In a volatile environment, Brent managed to reconstitute the Marion County ARES team with training activities and nurturing working relationships with served agencies. He demonstrated leadership by making PSE opportunities for his team to serve and building depth in his team by delegating tasks to three Assistant ECs.

MARION COUNTY ARES NEWS

Last month Brent Walls, K9CFE, accepted an appointment as Section Emergency Coordinator for Indiana. He has served Marion County for the last two years as our local county Emergency Coordinator.

Matthew Bechdol, W9SOX has just been appointed as Brent's replacement as the Marion County ARES Emergency Coordinator. Matthew has been AEC in Marion County for the last two years.

Brent will stay on as an AEC and continue to help build our team and improve our capabilities.

W1AW 2014/2015 WINTER OPERATING SCHEDULE

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST)
1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)

(Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2100 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
2200 " (5 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
2300 " (6 PM EST)	DIGITAL	Daily
0000 " (7 PM EST)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
0000 " "	CWf	Tue, Thu
0100 " (8 PM EST)	CWb	Daily

0200 " (9 PM EST) DIGITAL Daily
0245 " (9:45 PM EST) VOICE Daily
0300 " (10 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri
0300 " " CWs Tue, Thu
0400 " (11 PM EST) CWb Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8025 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 147.555
DIGITAL: - 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 147.555
VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 147.555

BROWNSBURG HAMFEST RETURNS IN FEBRUARY

The 4th Annual Brownsburg Hamfest Sponsored by the Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society will be on Saturday, February 14, 2015, at the American Legion Post 331 located at 636 East Main St. in Brownsburg. Setup will be on Friday the 13th from 3pm till 7:30pm. Setup will also start at 6am on Saturday Morning, the day of the Hamfest. Doors will open at 7am for the Hamfest, which runs through 3pm. Admission is \$5 at the door, parking is free. Vendors- Tables with power is \$15 and \$10 without power. Table sales available at the door both days. (Bring your own power strips and extension cords) Food Service put on by the American Legion. Talk-In will be on the 147.015 Repeater. For more information and table reservations contact Wayne Fox, KE9P, at hcars46122@gmail.com

CLASSES STARTING IN HENDRICKS COUNTY

Amateur radio classes for all three license grades will be starting up in Hendricks County on January 28, 2015. The classes will be held at the Senior Services Building located at 1201 Sycamore Lane, Danville, just north of the Danville Hendricks Regional Health facility. The classes will run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This will be a 7 or 8 week course, with testing at the completion of the course. The classes are free, however there will be a \$15 charge (cash only, please) for the testing session at the end of the course. For more information contact Wayne Fox, KE9P, at hcarshamclass@gmail.com or Jay Wright, KK9L, at drjwrght@gmail.com or at 317-203-3335.

HILLTOP OPERATING EVENT FINAL RESULTS

Name	Category	Callsign	Hilltop pts.	Non-Hilltop points	Total Points
Weakley Hill	UH	N9HC	55	15	70
Eagle Hill	UH	WA9MC	50	17	67
Eagle Creek Tor	SH	N9CXI	45	7	52
Weedpatch Hill	SH	WB9DKL	35	8	43
Cyclone Hill	SH	N9NIC	25	11	36
Hoosier Hill	SH	KC9YTK	0	15	15

INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB VE TESTING SCHEDULE

(All sessions start at 12:00 noon)

January 10, 2015 - Integrated Public Safety Commission, 8468 E 21st, Indianapolis, IN
Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis, (317) 363-7457, Email: ws9h@arrl.net

February 14, 2015 - Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd., Indianapolis, IN
Contact: James K. Rinehart, (317) 495-1933, Email: k9ru@arrl.net

March 14, 2015 - Integrated Public Safety Commission, 8468 E 21st, Indianapolis, IN
Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis, (317) 363-7457, Email: ws9h@arrl.net

BRIDGECOM SYSTEMS REPEATERS

Greg Herman, KC9NRO, sent me a note about Bridgecom Systems Repeaters, stating that they are nice repeaters, and now have a 220 MHz version. Greg runs one for a GMRS system, and is a satisfied customer. Their products can be viewed on their web site at <http://bridgecomsystems.com/>.

HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

I have a new 3 500 tube that I would like to sell. I paid \$190 for it and I would be pleased to receive \$125 for it. Thanks,

David Wilmelmus, WA9OUX
Contact : wilhelmusdavid@gmail.com
Phone: 317 926-2358

MORE HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

In order to make room on the shelf, I am selling my Yaesu FT-897D, along with some accessories. I am the original owner of the rig, having purchased it new in July of 2005. At that time, I purchased the radio and the "built in" FP-30B power supply (no noise). Later, in October of 2005, I ordered the LDG AT-897 tuner (not the current "plus" model). Finally, in November of 2005, I installed a SSB filter in the rig. It also comes with the stock hand microphone and manual. As a "bonus", I will throw in the carrying case I have the radio in currently. It's a "road case" attaché that I used to use for a portable DAT (Digital Audio Tape) recorder, that I repurposed for the radio and it's accessories. I unfortunately do not have the original box.

My total investment in all this is just under \$1400. I am willing to sell the complete package for \$900.

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SILENT KEYS

Since the last newsletter of the club, I have received word of three silent keys in the area:

Jim Stanley, K9CHY
Mark Burch, WJ9T
John Cheeley, W9ELF

They will be missed.

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

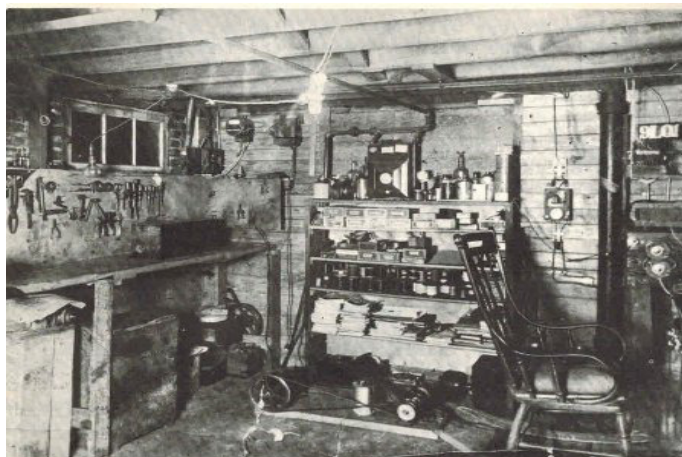
SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the December, 1964 *Amachewer*:

Below are two photos from one of the founders of the Indianapolis Radio Club, Carl Dean's basement workshop and his station, 9LQ. Note the rotary spark gap suspended by ropes in the bottom picture. Judging by the calendar in the picture, the photos are estimated to be from 1921.



Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- January 28: Classes start in Danville. See article in this newsletter for more info.
- February 14: Brownsburg Hamfest. 7:00 – 3:00 at American Legion Post 331

2014 Officers:

- President: Dave Spoelstra, N9KT – EMAIL n9kt@arrl.net
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - ..EMAIL dmiller@ivytech.edu
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